

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

**Call to Order:** By Chairman Rick Jore, on February 9, 2007 at 3:16 P.M., in Room 137 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Rep. Rick Jore, Chairman (C)  
Rep. Roger Koopman, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Holly Raser, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Norma Bixby (D)  
Rep. Mark Blasdel (R)  
Rep. Edward B. Butcher (R)  
Rep. Douglas Cordier (D)  
Rep. George Everett (R)  
Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)  
Rep. Robin Hamilton (D)  
Rep. Bob Lake (R)  
Rep. Jesse O'Hara (R)  
Rep. John Ward (R)  
Rep. Franke Wilmer (D)

##### **Members Excused:**

Rep. Michael Lange (R)

##### **Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Donci Bardash, Committee Secretary  
Susan Fox, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 465, 2/2/2007; HB 515, 2/2/2007  
Executive Action: HB 152

**HEARING ON HB 515**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:21 Rep. Bill Glaser (R), HD 44, opened the hearing on  
HB 515, Funding for distance learning and related  
technologies.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:09:48 Dave Puyear, Montana Rural Education Association

[EXHIBIT\(edh29a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(edh29a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(edh29a03\)](#)

00:16:43 Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association

00:20:46 Larry Nielsen, MEA-MFT

00:22:54 Bruce Messinger, Montana Schools E-learning Consortium

00:24:45 Darrell Rud, School Administrators of Montana

00:25:35 Pete Carparelli, Montana Quality Education Coalition

[EXHIBIT\(edh29a04\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:25:58 Rep. O'Hara

00:28:37 Rep. Glaser

00:28:47 Rep. Lake

00:30:07 Mr. Puyear

00:33:28 Rep. Lake

00:34:04 Mr. Puyear

00:34:57 Rep. Cordier

00:35:41 Mr. Melton

00:36:37 Rep. Cordier

00:37:00 Mr. Melton

00:37:39 Rep. Butcher

00:38:46 Mr. Puyear

00:39:49 Rep. Butcher

00:40:55 Mr. Puyear

00:41:58 Rep. Wilmer

00:43:55 Rep. Glaser

00:45:33 Rep. Wilmer

00:46:19 Rep. Glaser

00:47:59 Rep. Ward

00:48:09 Rep. Koopman

00:49:41 Rep. Glaser

00:53:54 Rep. Koopman

00:54:30 Rep. Glaser  
00:56:42 Rep. O'Hara  
00:57:05 Rep. Raser  
00:57:44 Rep. Glaser  
00:58:38 Rep. Raser  
00:59:15 Rep. Glaser

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:00:08 Rep. Glaser

**HEARING ON HB 465**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:07:47 Rep. Rick Jore (C), HD 12, opened the hearing on  
HB 465, Revise medical and religious exemptions for  
immunization.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:09:58 Dewey Duffel, self  
[EXHIBIT \(edh29a05\)](#)  
[EXHIBIT \(edh29a06\)](#)  
01:20:35 Stacy Whitmer, self  
[EXHIBIT \(edh29a07\)](#)  
01:26:56 Dawn Hagadorn, self  
01:32:34 Anthony Lambert, father

**Opponents' Testimony:**

01:33:44 Kathleen McCarthy, Department of Public Health and  
Human Services (DPHHS), Communicable Diseases and  
Prevention Bureau  
01:37:14 Lora Wier, public health nurse/ Montana Public Health  
Association  
[EXHIBIT \(edh29a08\)](#)  
01:44:50 Linda Stoll, Montana Public Health Officers' Group  
[EXHIBIT \(edh29a09\)](#)  
[EXHIBIT \(edh29a10\)](#)  
[EXHIBIT \(edh29a11\)](#)  
[EXHIBIT \(edh29a12\)](#)  
01:47:14 Jolynn Miller, mother  
01:51:26 Don Judge, Montana Nurses Association  
01:52:54 Hank Hudson, DPHHS

**Informational Testimony:**

01:53:44 Joyce Burgett, DPHHS Immunization Bureau

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:54:47 Rep. Wilmer  
01:55:15 Ms. Stoll  
01:55:33 Ms. Wier  
01:56:52 Rep. Lake  
01:57:45 Ms. Wier  
01:58:54 Rep. Lake  
01:59:18 Ms. Wier  
02:00:16 Rep. Koopman  
02:01:04 Ms. McCarthy  
02:01:18 Mr. Hudson  
02:02:24 Rep. Koopman  
02:02:41 Mr. Hudson  
02:02:58 Rep. Koopman  
02:03:37 Mr. Duffel

**EXHIBIT** (edh29a13)

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:09:10 Mr. Duffel

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 152**

02:11:01 **Motion:** Rep. Raser moved that **HB 152 BE RECONSIDERED.**

**Discussion:**

02:11:49 Rep. Raser  
02:13:39 Rep. Grinde  
02:14:17 Rep. Lake  
02:15:28 Rep. Wilmer  
02:16:54 Rep. Raser

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02:18:32 **Vote:** The motion failed 6-7 with Reps. Raser, Wilmer, Cordier, Grinde, Hamilton and Bixby voting aye.

**ADJOURNMENT**

02:19:56 Adjournment: 5:35 P.M.

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REP. RICK JORE, Chairman

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DONCI BARDASH, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([edh29aad.pdf](#))**